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**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 2:51 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Protect Children's Television!

**From:** jp\_gringo@yahoo.com  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
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FCC Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

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Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how children will be affected.

Sincerely,

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Senator Barbara Mikulski  
Representative Elijah Cummings

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**From:** L. Borzumato  
**To:** Kathleen Abernathy  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 3:58 PM  
**Subject:** Dereg

I'm writing as a student as well as a teacher of communication issues for the past four decades. I am especially concerned about the apparent trend toward centralization of ownership and the move toward deregulation in American media--especially in radio and television.

I hope that you will consider ameliorating this trend. I feel that we need many more voices, opinions and attitudes, not fewer.

Thank you for your time.

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**From:** ken weeks  
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**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 4:19 PM  
**Subject:** docket # 01-277

Please keep the media ownership as is!!!  
Do not allow our media outlets to merge. We must diversity in the media . You know this is essential to democracy.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** jcody@teen-aid.org  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 4:49 PM  
**Subject:** Protect Children's Television!

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Similarly, the American democracy was founded on the idea that every person or group were equally free to voice their opinion to the public, and that the free exchange of ideas allowed voters to select the best. This worked well when all citizens, from the poor to the powerful and wealthy shared the same soapbox in the town square. Now a few - the powerful and wealthy - dominate the political dialogue because they are the only ones who can buy air time on TV. This situation will worsen if the media are in the hands of fewer companies.

Before making any regulatory changes to existing media ownership rules, the FCC must consider how future of children and our country will be affected.

Sincerely,

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Senator Patty Murray

Senator Maria Cantwell

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**From:** Betty Chatfield  
**To:** Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 4:50 PM  
**Subject:** Deregulation allowing fewer Companies to control more stations

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The FCC is also stealthily moving toward complete privatization, meaning our rights as citizens of a democracy could be totally erased and corporations would own and control all media systems. The corporate backed organization that is moving toward total privatization calls themselves: The Progress and Freedom Foundation. What hypocrisy that is. The result would be the opposite of progress and would stifle our freedom to information.

The writers of our constitution must be groaning in their graves as they see the effort to erode our freedom.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Dave DeA'Morelli  
**To:** john\_mccain@mccain.senate.gov  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 5:05 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Upcoming FCC vote on media deregulation.

Dear commisioner,

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**From:** Jenks, Alden F.  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 6:02 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed Regulations Changes

Dear Chairman Powell,

I wish merely to add my small voice to the chorus of dismay that has been greeting your proposed easing of regulations on ownership of media outlets. The ease with which the main television news sources were manipulated by the military in the recent invasion of Iraq is only one illustration of the many reasons why variety of views, as well as locally based news, are far more important than the "efficiencies of scale" which seem to have taken on such paramount importance in your considerations. Whose welfare is more important, sir --- that of huge media conglomerates, or those of the average citizen?

Alden Jenks  
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**From:** jewel\_e\_1@yahoo.com  
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Senator George Voinovich



**From:** Jody Ginsberg  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:03 PM  
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**To:** Michael Copps  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 7:35 PM  
**Subject:** Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Commissioner Michael C. Copps

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Sincerely,

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Senator Barbara Boxer  
Representative Diane Watson



**From:** Valerie Tarico  
**To:** Mike Powell  
**Date:** Tue, Apr 29, 2003 10:39 PM  
**Subject:** Proposed changes in FCC regs

Please reconsider your stance on allowing large conglomerates to own even more media outlets. This is not just a free enterprise question. Our whole form of government depends on people being exposed to an independent media in which topics are debated from different points of view (ie. different points of vested interest). We can't afford to have the media dominated by a few large companies.

Thank you,

Valerie Tarico